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UTSC's mascot paw held for ransom by UTM students

BY NADEEM BASARIA

Two UTM students announced last week that they are in possession of the U of T at Scarborough's (UTSC) racoon mascot paw. The paw has been missing since frosh week festivities at the St. George campus on Sept. 5, 2003. The two students, who chose to remain anonymous, were working as frosh leaders when they stole the mascot's paw. In an exclusive interview with *The Medium*, the pair in possession of the paw explained their motives for stealing it and demanded ransom for its return.

A group of UTM students and our big fluffy duck give UTSC the bird. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Here's hoping that Scarborough will get the message without us writing it explictly. photo/Mehraan Pavri

"I would like to make a formal statement that we have possession of the paw. We will remain anonymous. Pictures of the paw have been taken to prove our claim. Some of these may disturb you. We will be sending them along with a formal ransom letter (to UTSC)" they said. The racoon suit has been UTSC's mascot since 1979, and holds enough sentimental value that Scarborough's Dean of Student Affairs made a formal request to have the paw returned.

The events leading to the current ransom demands began at an orientation week cheering battle on Sept. 5 at front campus in downtown Toronto. Under the warm sun of late summer, mobs of UTM and UTSC frosh squared off for the annual cheering battle. The competitive hostility was meant only to last a few hours that day but the rivalry between UTM and UTSC turned out to be greater than expected.

"The frosh leaders were getting us really vamped. We were ready to represent UTM and win this battle," Kelly Gamble, a first-year psychology student said. After a few minutes of loud cheers and good-humoured water balloon fights, the event took an ugly turn.

"I heard this loud cheering from the other side. I looked over and saw that UTM's mascot duck was headless. They (UTSC) jumped our duck and took his head! They were holding it high in the air, showing it off and taunting us," one of the anonymous frosh leaders said. The taunting did not last long, as UTM frosh quickly rushed UTSC and retrieved the duck's head. "They only had it for a few seconds. UTM frosh were quick to retaliate. No one messes with our duck. No one," the frosh leader said.

The second anonymous frosh leader continued the story.

"Next thing you know, we hear the triumphant cheering of UTM frosh, and the racoon head was on our side. I saw this headless racoon running after a crowd of UTM frosh darting across King's College Circle. It was hilarious. I began to run after the headless racoon. When I got close enough, I jumped him. In the struggle, I grabbed his paw and it just slipped off," he said

In their devotion to retrieve their racoon's head, UTSC neglected to realize that the mascot was also missing a paw. Upon realizing this, UTSC declared that they would not make peace with UTM until the paw was returned. As only a handful of UTM frosh leaders were aware that the paw had been stolen, UTM representatives

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Pimp & Ho pub problematic

BY DANIEL FILIPE MARTINS

A series of unrelated incidents in the late-night hours of Thursday Sept. 18 has spurred gossip and drama around campus. A drunk, underage UTM student collapsed outside the Blind Duck pub on the night of the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) organised "Pimp & Ho" event. According to campus police, the student had consumed prescription medication early in the day and then engaged in pre-drinking before entering the pub using a fake ID. After consuming only two drinks in the pub, the student made his way out the door where he collapsed into a semi-conscious state, prompting pub staff to call campus police and emergency medical services. The student was taken to hospital and has since made a full recovery.

"We've got mothers coming in here to pick up their kids," Maxine Dawkins, manager of the Blind Duck Pub said, highlighting the abnormally large number of underage students attending pub as a result of the double cohort.

With the increased attendance by underage students to pub nights, the possibility exists that one reckless underage student could land the pub in serious trouble with the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario (LLBO). Penalties are harsh for establishments found to be negligently serving alcohol to minors, and this fact weighs heavily on the minds of pub management.

"It saddens me that students don't drink responsibly," Adil Mirza, president of ECSU said in response to the incident, "It only takes one person to mess things up for everybody" he said, referring to the probability that the pub would lose its liquor license if similar incidents were to occur in the future.

UTM students under the age of nineteen must present a pub access card before being allowed into the pub wearing a wristband. Whilst inside, they are not allowed to consume or even hold any alcohol beverages. Any underage student found drinking is ejected from the pub and subject to banning measures.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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GTA students rally for awareness

Black student associations from U of T, York, and Ryerson take part

BY ROGER LOVE

Last Wednesday, a predominantly black mass of students from U of T, Ryerson and York universities assembled in front of the Koffler Student Center in downtown Toronto for the start of the *Rally for Awareness 2003*. The rally was organized by black students from all three schools with an aim to celebrate the achievements of black university students, encourage others to pursue a university education, and to address the obstacles faced by youth in the black community. The event marked the first time that student organizations representing Black, African and Caribbean undergraduates in the GTA collaborated to put on an event.

U of T was represented at the rally by elected leaders from Caribbean Connections (UTM), Imani (UTSC), and the Black Students Association (St. George). York sent delegates from the York University Black Student Association (YUBSA) and Ryerson was represented by The Rooted African Caribbean Student Association (RACA).

At 11:45 a.m., a sparsely filled bus left UTM for the St. George Campus. Those who supported the rally were disappointed with the turn-out from this campus.

"We needed more people to support from our campus, we have a larger black population at UTM this year and it definitely did not show at all" Lesley Thomas, a second-year psychology major said.

The day's events included many prominent speakers, entertainers and testimonies from university students. Among those present for the rally were U of T English professor and distinguished Canadian author George Elliot Clarke, Ryerson professor and associate director of the Caribbean Research Centre Afura Cooper, *Friday After Next* and *Dr. Dolittle 2* star Mike Epps, spoken word artist Dwayne Morgan, rapper Promise D'Apostle, and Toronto hip-hopper Motion.

Behind the *Rally for Awareness 2003* banner, students marched down St. George to Bloor Streets., while chanting slogans like "Access, Success, Progress" and "Life without education is death in disguise."

The students vigilantly followed the banner to Queens Park Circle where they heard more powerful words from Cooper and Karen Bathwait, who leads the Transitional Year Program (TYP) at U of T. TYP gives marginalized groups, such as single mothers, refugees, and ESL students, a chance to enter university. Bathwait is proud that TYP students, who may not of been given a chance to enter university conventionally, often go on to receive their masters and Ph.D's.

The rally ended shortly after 6 p.m., but not before more speakers graced the stage, including Dudley Laws, the highly visible leader of the Jamaica Canadian Association, and Paul Green, who leads Rush the Vote, a voting campaign aimed at getting urban youth to the polls. The remaining students were treated with a free barbecue and reflected on the days events.

Much opinion and insight about the state of black students in higher education was voiced at the rally. Charles Roach is a distinguished Toronto lawyer who has served the community since graduating from U of T law school in 1961. Roach commented on the lack of progress that black students have made at U of T law.

"In the graduation class of 1961, 2 of 48 students were black. In this year's graduating class of 170, still only 2 graduates were black," he said.

When asked about the challenges facing black youth who wish to pursue a university education, Melanie Newton, professor of Caribbean History at the U of T stated.

"Black youth are often made to feel unwelcome, or that university is an unachievable goal" she said. "Students

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A handful of other incidents marred what organisers otherwise called a successful event. One student cut her foot after stepping on shards of glass from a broken beer bottle on the patio. The injury was not serious and first aid was administered by passing campus police officers, after which the student returned to the festivities.

Another pub-goer was detained by campus police after making homophobic remarks towards other patrons outside the pub. Campus police have recommended that the individual be banned from campus.

Lastly, two students were assaulted after leaving pub near Roy Ivor hall by two unidentified males. Campus police were called and the two assailants fled. Police are still investigating.

"It's unfortunate that there were a few more incidents, but they were dealt with in a smooth, efficient fashion," Mirza said.

Some concerns were raised over the theme of the evening as well. ECSU V.P. of Finance, Sean O'Connell noted that the choice of theme was made on short notice after the people who had originally booked the pub dropped out.

"Underage drinking is a problem. I think we took every precaution short of closing the pub doors to underage students" he said.

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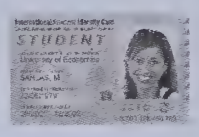

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Rez students head to polls and elect first ever residence council

By Jessica Remedios and Adrian Barek

Speeches were made, ballots were cast, and the results are in for this year's residence council elections. The outcome of the election saw seven positions acclaimed, two elected, and one tied.

Christine Buske, Mary Fincher, and Barry Antoniou were all acclaimed to the executive positions of V.P. of Finance, V.P. of Administration, and Athletics and Wellness Commissioner, respectively. Additionally, five of seven community reps were acclaimed: Nicole Ramsay for Putnam Place, Tiffany Stewart for McLuhan Court, Angela Treglia for Roy Ivor Hall, and Angelique de Montbrun and Naomi Jansen for Erindale Hall.

The executive position of Formal Co-ordinator saw Meghan Rees and Adrian Rawlings running against one another with Rees winning the majority of votes. Dominic Lee and William Hong ran for community rep of Leacock Lane, with Lee being elected. The second community rep position for Roy Ivor Hall ended in a tie between Andrew Stewart and Fiore Vescio. A re-vote for Roy Ivor residents is scheduled for Tues. Sept. 30, 2003.

The residence council is a new student government at UTM who held their first executive council election late last year. Unfortunately, four of the six elected council members were not offered a spot on residence this year. The bi-election held last Friday served to fill those four spots as well as elect a community representative for each phase of residence.

Residence council president Chris McLeod compared the role of the council in the residence community to that of the Erindale College Student Union's role in the lives of full-time UTM students.

"We act as an interface between residence students and the administration, both by bringing any concerns residence students may have to administration, and by acting as residents' voice on several councils," he said.

> "If you don't vote, you're letting someone else speak for you"
> - Andrew McLeod

Voter participation was approximately 13% of all residence students, and McLeod was quick to affirm the importance of casting a ballot.

"If you don't vote, you're letting someone else speak for you" he said. Students at the polls agree with him.

"I voted because I want to bridge the gap between students and people who hold higher positions. Community representatives will help to bring us closer together," Emily Upper, a first-year residence student living in Roy Ivor Hall said.

While the majority of the positions were acclaimed, those candidates left vying for positions vocalized their ideas through posters, speeches, and door-to-door campaigns. However, some students were less than impressed by their approach.

"I don't think that the candidates have done a very good job presenting their positions. I don't want to vote, because I don't have enough information to base a decision on," commented one female student who declined to give her name.

With a larger population of residence students than ever before, this year promises to be a challenge for the council. McLeod pointed to several initiatives the council has been working on including barbeques to raise money for epilepsy research, inter-residence Olympics against the U of T at Scarborough, pub nights, trips to UTM hockey games, and a Wednesday morning breakfast series.

"We've been working hard to win over residence students this year, and make them aware of just what we are exactly. For the past several years, the residence council has been really more of a side-project of one of the dons, with the executive not even being properly elected, and no real budget to work with. Only last year, under the guidance of Jan Maw and Aymna Mamdani, did the residence council start to evolve into something more, which is what we have this year. It's been hard to gauge what student reaction is so far - we had a couple of slips early in the year that tarnished our image in the eyes of some students, so we've been working hard to overcome that. The breakfast series has helped a lot with that, and now that we'll have a fully elected council by next Tuesday, we can start to really show residence students what we are like" McLeod said.

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need to organize so they don't feel alone or have to experience things in isolation. The rally definitely sends a message to faculty that the students are discontent and want changes to be made."

Nana Boateng is in the final year of a social work degree at Ryerson, and is also Vice President of RACA. Boateng stated that the rally is a good start but has plenty of room to grow.

"[The rally] should be more inclusive, more colleges and more high schools should attend. We can't get caught up in the idea of elitism," she said.

Latoya Whittle, a second year life sciences student and Melissa Shaw, a recently appointed Erindale College Student Union executive both described the rally as "empowering."

Ameila Phillips, a fourth year Psychology student at the U of T and the lead rally coordinator felt the event was a success. Phillips was inspired to organize the event because of high school experiences where she often felt unmotivated. She saw the rally as a positive way to inspire black youth. When asked if she had plans to organize another rally or if it was a one-time affair, Phillips smiled and stated,

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Sue talks sex at annual Blind Duck pub appearance

Dildos, anal sex, and fellatio techniques among topics discussed

BY JULIE TYIOS

Last Tuesday evening, sex expert Sue Johanson did UTM to a packed house in the Blind Duck Pub.

Renowned across Canada and the United States, Johanson did a one-woman show on-stage in which she informed, entertained and thoroughly amused all who came out to watch her free of charge. She gave a practical and descriptive crash course in sex-ed; complete with hilariously exaggerated antics and an assortment of wacky props that included vibrators and anatomically gifted stuffed animals.

Her information regarding sexual matters comes from over thirty years of experience in dealing with common issues on a daily basis.

"In 1970, I opened a teenage birth control clinic that was located in the health room of a high school in Toronto," she explained. In March 1984, Johanson took her knowledge and started a call-in radio show aimed to provide answers about sex, and she went national in February 1996 with her widely popular TV program, *The Sunday Night Sex Show*, which she still hosts.

"We've been here five years running and it's always good to come out and talk to UTM about my favorite subject" she said at the beginning of her presentation. She continued on to tackle common myths and misconceptions about sex, as well as controversial subjects such as masturbation and body image.

"There is so much you need to learn" she told the crowd. "There are so many myths out there about sex."

Sue compared the differences in sexual discovery between genders.

"After a baby boy is born, it takes him five minutes to discover that he has a penis, and another five to discover that it feels good to play with it. Guys in their teens will stand in front of the mirror for hours admiring their genitals. A girl however, usually won't even look at hers until it comes time to put a tampon in." Sue also said that on top of a poor system of sexual education present in schools, parents were also responsible for keeping their children in the dark when it comes to such matters.

"Mothers telling their young children to stop playing with themselves when it's a natural thing gives a clear image about a parent's comfort with sexuality" she said.

> "We think it's important for people to be comfortable with their sexuality."
> - Ben Schmidt

Johanson stressed the importance of good communication and the necessity of being informed about sex and sexuality before engaging in any sexual endeavours.

"You can't talk about sex if you don't know what you're talking about," she warned, "It's much easier to do it then to say it. People on a whole are uninformed and learning about sex is the hardest thing you'll ever do."

The last part of Sue's presentation involved showing off the various sex toys she lugged to the pub in a discreet black bag. She demonstrated various vibrators (On the microphone, of course) including the *Opalescent Pearl* and the more complex *Pink Dolphin*, which retails for over two hundred in specialty shops. For men, she demonstrated the use of the *Jerk-Off*, a piece of rubber with raised bumps that resembled bubble wrap.

After she was done talking, Sue answered anonymous questions from the audience written on paper. Questions included the topics of circumcision, anal sex, pornography, alternative menstrual protection, female orgasms, sexual positions and how to use condoms properly.

The question, 'Dear Sue: Do you know from experience or theory?' was answered with,

"A little bit of both, dears" and a sly wink. Johanson ended the night by demonstrating proper manual stimulation and fellatio techniques on the microphone she was holding. A few lucky audience members received prize packages from UTM's Sexual Education Centre (SEC) full of condoms and other goodies.

"We'd like to thank ECSU and the pub for letting us put this show on. It's my final year here and I think it was fun and the crowd got really riled up. It's a great fun way to promote SEC and the services we provide to students. I hope she keeps coming back here year after year," Joe Deogracias, a SEC counsellor said.

"We think it's important for people to be comfortable with their sexuality. There are a lot of people asking about queer issues this year. We just want people to know that we provide free condoms, counselling and a library of books for people to use anytime" Ben Schmidt, Executive Coordinator at SEC, said. UTM Health Services was also on hand after the show to distribute pamphlets and promote their services.

"We're here to let students know about what we have to offer to them, including birth control and answering questions about sexual health. Sue always does a great job promoting safe sex and sexual well-being to students here every year." Pat Ash, Manager of Health Services on campus, said.

"I love it when Sue comes to our campus" ECSU President Adil Mirza said, "She's always able to educate us in a very entertaining manner that keeps everyone interested. I've really enjoyed her show in the past years."

Don't forget to pinch the tip! Sue Johanson demonstrates the nitty-gritty details of properly putting on a condom. Much to its delight, Johanson used the microphone as a cock-prop to offer tips on giving good head. *photo/Mehraan Pavri*

The crowd of students had a very positive reaction to Sue's visit.

"That was gripping, literally" Craig Simmons, a first-year student said.

"It was really informative and fun, lots of laughs for sure," another first-year student remarked.

School the politicians

Witness democracy at work. A panel of candidates from the Liberal, Green, NDP, and Family Coalition parties respond to audience questions at a political forum held in the Kaneff Centre last Friday evening. *photo/ Johanna Kristolaitis*

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Volunteer fair recruits student help

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Colourful booths and chatty folks from differentt organizations packed the student centre for volunteer fair last Wednesday. The event featured representatives from 37 different organizations seeking volunteers. The event was organized by UTM's Career Centre.

"The volunteer fair is set up to help students learn about various volunteer opportunities both on-campus and off-campus," Adrian Berg, Events Coordinator of the Career Centre said, "The benefits of volunteering are in gaining experience that employers look for. Also, it gives you a chance to be a part of your community and give back to your community"

On-campus recruiters included organizations like Accessiblity, the Blackwood Gallery, and the Erindale College Special Response Team. Off-campus recruiters were both more numerous and more diverse. They included organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Peel, the Peel Regional Police, Childfind, and the Living Arts Centre.

Jackie Davis, a fourth-year psychology student strolling through the booths gave her thoughts on being a student and a volunteer.

"I think I have time in my life to volunteer if it's not a huge commitment, it's something that you have to make time for if it's important to you. I think for most people volunteering is something they'd like to do but they feel they don't have enough time. You might say, 'oh maybe next year' but if you really want to do it you have to make time and do it" she said.

Volunteer recruiter for the Victorian Order of Nurses, Yvonne Weststrate, was impressed by student reaction to the volunteer fair.

"I think student response has been fairly good. I think people like the fact that we have a broad base of volunteer opportunities" she said.

Students mill around the booths of the volunteer fair at the Student Centre last Wednesday. *photo/ Adrian Berg*

Guys lacking at Latin pub

BY CHRIS OSTROPOLSKI

Last Thursday's Latin pub night was missing two things: guys and Latin music. For weeks prior to the event, colourful and seductive flyers circulated campus promising "a night of Latin sensuality and spirit." Although the flyers attracted only 150 or so party goers, the atmosphere was quite lively. Prior to the party, a complementary, one-hour dance lesson was offered to all interested in learning the basics of the two most popular Latin dances; the salsa and the merengue.

As for the party itself, both the organizers and the participants were impressed by the large number of fun-having girls crowded on the dance floor.

"The most important thing is that people are having fun," Ramiro Chamorro, president of the Ontario Latin Association of Students at Erindale (OLAS) and one of the coordinators of the event, said. Chamorro was satisfied with the general turnout, but was puzzled by the lack of the men. "Guys where the hell were you? There were so many girls here and they were all hot!" he said.

Nancy Wang, a first-year commerce student and national latin-dancing competitor was pleased with the idea of a Latin pub night.

"It's a good night, very casual," Wang said, expressing a desire to see more guys getting their grove on. "Dancing is a good way to meet new people at clubs."

A big disappointment for many in attendance was the shortage of Latin music played. DJ Kapil Suri mixed in a significant amount of techno and house, which annoyed those who had come expecting to hear mostly salsa and merengue.

"He has poor knowledge of Latin music," Fernando Montealegre, a Ph.D. student in zoology, complained. Nevertheless, the dance floor remained crowded for most of the evening.

For those students interested in learning more about Latin dancing, the OLAS will be starting a session of dancing lessons on Mon., Sept. 29, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the board room of the Student Center. Guys are welcome.

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UTAA

Trees planted at UTM

Erindale Environmental Association teams up with Evergreen

BY JULIE TYIOS

On Friday Sept. 26, a group of students, staff and faculty joined forces to aid UTM's naturalization plans along with the help of Evergreen; a non-profit environmental charity whose main purpose is to provide the tools to assist in such projects. Approximately two hundred young trees were planted near the Engineering Grounds in an effort to not only enhance campus Green Space, but also to bring the university community together.

"We're working in conjunction with other campus groups in an effort to help naturalization projects," stated Carolyn, an Evergreen team member. "We were brought here by UTM and we're basically going to get the ball rolling."

First year student Anaz Pashootan was extremely enthusiastic about the event and also addressing environmental issues on campus with the Erindale Environmental Association (EEA).

"I'm very environmentally conscious," she said. "When I got to UTM I was hoping there would be an environmental club I could join for this reason. It's good to be out here doing stuff like this, and I'm glad to see that they're beautifying the campus and at the same time promoting environmental awareness."

Biology professor Nick Collins is responsible for bringing Evergreen to campus and is also organizing various programs that will involve students and the Credit Valley Conservation authorities, which will ultimately benefit UTM's Green Spaces.

"Not many people are aware of UTM's cultural history... we're organizing some walks which will provide information about the nature of the area due to the Credit River" Stephanie Crocker, EEA Co-President said.

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> - Stephanie Crocker

Next summer will see a restoration and expansion project involving the pond by the South Building in which two wetland areas will be created.

"Our connection with Evergreen is moving into the classroom," Collins explained, We're doing experimental planting and interfacing with students, teaching them what naturalization is and at the same time we're also contributing to the overall green theme of the campus." Collins also said that there will be educational walks, various workshops and future plantings in which all are encouraged to join.

A second tree planting is scheduled for October 5th near Coleman House. Those interested in signing up can contact the EEA by emailing eea@thegreenpages.ca.

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Tid bits o' news

ECSU By-election results

ECSU's planned by-election for Oct. 8 and 9 will never be. The election was called to replace three council members, one of whom resigned and two of whom where at the end of their terms.

The election was not necessary as all three positions were acclaimed when only one candidate ran for each. Acclaimed to the position of Clubs Commissioner was Jon Lee. Melissa Shaw was acclaimed as College Affairs Commissioner and lastly, Pooja Jadwani was acclaimed to office as V.P. of Administration.

Student Centre Posters

In recent days the Student Centre has began to resemble an urban construction site with nearly every wall covered in posters.

The posters are diverse in appearance but revolve almost exclusively around the upcoming provincial election. Touting slogans like "I support reduced tuition fees *and* I vote," "Stand up for post-secondary education," and "When you don't vote, you let others decide for you." The posters not only plaster the walls but litter the ground of the Student Centre as well.

Whether they will be successful in getting students to the polls remains to be seen.

Freeze Tuition Rally

Last Thursday, students from Erindale embarked on a journey to Toronto for the 'Freeze Tuition Rally.' The event was organized primarily by the Student's Administrative Council (SAC) and funded by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Crowds picketed in front of Queen's Park to protest rising tuition fees by shouting slogans like "There ain't no power like the power of the people and the power of the people don't stop." The highlight of rally was when students charged and scared off a Tory bus that had pulled up near the rally.

UTSC requests that paw be returned

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claimed at the time that they did not know the location of the paw.

Speaking with *Medium* staff, the two frosh leaders outlined their ransom demands.

"We will return the paw, upon UTSC meeting the following conditions. Firstly, we would like a formal letter of apology from UTSC. We want it official, so it's got to be signed by someone in a high position. Secondly, we would like two cases of beer, preferably Molson Canadian. These are the conditions," they declared.

"I find the whole situation quite amusing. I imagine that the UTM frosh leaders that are involved aren't doing this with a malicious mindset, and I trust UTSC understands this. Besides, it was UTSC who escalated the battle in the first place by decapitating our duck" Adil Mirza, President of the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU), said.

> "The last I heard was that the frosh leaders involved are going to have some fun with the paw and then ransom it off for a couple cases of beer."
> - Adil Mirza

"I personally haven't had any phone calls from UTSC asking for the paw back. Our Dean of Student Affairs, Mark Overton, however, has received a couple of calls from the UTSC Dean of Student Affairs. After receiving this request, Mark asked me if I knew who had the paw, and if I could ask them to give it back. I told him what I know - that I'm really not sure who has the paw, but that I was quite sure that it will be returned as soon as they get their ransom requests."

Overton confirmed Mirza's statement.

"My UTSC counterpart called to see if I could put in a kind word for its (the paw) safe return, as it would be difficult to replace. I shared his request with ECSU" Overton said.

Members of UTSC student governance and the UTSC Dean of Student Affairs could not be reached for comment by press time.

"The last I heard was that the frosh leaders involved are going to have some fun with the paw and then ransom it off for a couple cases of beer. UTSC just has to wait until we have our fun. Sounds fair to me," Mirza said.

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ECSU loses big money on frosh week

Low participation blamed for loss of expected revenue

BY ADRIAN BAREK

The Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) is between $20,000 and $25,000 poorer than they expected to be after orientation week. ECSU council members blame lower-than-expected frosh week participation as the reason for their financial loss.

"We had budgeted to make a certain amount of money and we fell short of what we were going to make because we didn't have the numbers participating in frosh week that we had predicted" Adil Mirza, president of ECSU said. ECSU had originally forecast that 950 first-years would take part in frosh week. Only 750 actually did.

Typically, the participation rate for frosh week at UTM ranges between 50 and 60 percent, but this year that number fell to a dismal 23 percent. When asked why he feels the double cohort involvement was so low, ECSU's V.P. of Finance, Sean O'Connell said,

"Some people have said that the double cohort students are less likely to participate in school activities because there is so much competition among them. I don't fully agree with that because I feel that orientation week is an essential part of going to school."

In past years, ECSU has relied on a mass mail-out to first-years to advertise frosh week and encourage them to sign up. The mail-out includes a full-colour brochure with pictures of past frosh weeks as well as an application form. This year, a new approach using email and a website was used at the recommendation of student affairs.

"Every year we send something out to frosh in the mail. But this year the idea was to rely solely on email and inform them of a website where they can sign-up for frosh week" Mirza said, "The mailing system has been very effective in the past. The email method didn't work as well as we expected. A lot of people stated that they didn't get any email, or that they received the email but didn't know what it was about and deleted it. That hurt us, unfortunately."

ECSU plans to ask student affairs for help in recovering some or all of the money lost on frosh week.

"The email thing was student affairs idea and because we followed their lead in the email thing we lost a lot of money...I don't see that as fair to us because we didn't get the numbers we wanted. The probability of us getting the numbers we wanted would have been greater if we had used the mail system like in previous years" he said.

If student affairs does not help ECSU recoup their losses, there are two options the student government can take to help offset the lack of funds. Firstly, they can cancel future programs, services, or events planned for the year to save the cost of running them. Alternatively, ECSU can attempt to raise money through fundraising events, a request to student affairs or other methods. O'Connell stressed that cutting out planned events is not an option that ECSU wants to pursue, and wherever possible they will raise money before cancelling services.

When asked to comment on a request from ECSU for money to recoup their loses, Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs said,

"I haven't heard from ECSU on this so I don't feel that it's appropriate to respond yet."

O'Connel later claimed that the amount of the loss might not be as large as originally predicted. He stated that frosh week was budgeted to make money, and because ECSU overbudgeted, the loss might be much less than his first estimation of $20,000 to $25,000.

Regardless of the exact amount of the loss, ECSU is stuck with a reminder of their miscalculation. Much of the lost money is currently manifested in a great beige mountain of frosh kits sitting in ECSU's office. ECSU had purchased the kits from SAC, and is now stuck with them when not enough frosh participated in orientation week.

Hundreds of unsold and unused frosh kits crowd the ECSU office in the student centre. At least it's not dirty laundry. *photo/Mehraan Pavri*

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Alcohol affects everyone

EDITORIAL

To drink or not to drink…it's a choice that everyone must deal with at some point in their lives.

In March 2000, the Canadian Campus Survey (CSS) released its first national study of drug use among university students. Conducted by researchers from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and the University of Montreal, the survey revealed that heavy drinking among university students is a significant cause for concern. The number of times per week a student drinks is not particularly high, but the amount they drink at one time has many worried.

At last Thursday's Pimp and Ho event at The Blind Duck Pub, a drunk, underage UTM residence student arrived to the event after taking prescription medication and then engaging in pre-drinking. The student used fake ID to fool the bouncers at the door into letting him in. After consuming alcohol in the pub, the student collapsed out the door in a semi-conscious state. Thankfully, the student recovered. Unfortunately, his irresponsibility and poor judgement will present huge repercussions.

Pub manager Maxine Dawkins said, "We've got mothers coming in here to pick up their kids." If university students still depend on their parents to drive them around Mississauga, perhaps an environment such as the Blind Duck Pub is inappropriate for an underage, fresh-out-of-high school university student.

I'm not opposed to underage drinking. In fact, I had my first taste of alcohol when I was six years old. My two cousins and I drank a small bottle of homemade wine – diluted with sprite. Although some may frown at even the thought of a young child experiencing alcohol, I must tell you that my parents were in the same room. Coming from an Italian background, I was exposed to alcohol at a young age. Experiencing it so early in my life taught me not to abuse it as a young adult.

The underage student had a convincing piece of identification, which gained him admittance into pub. Alcohol affects people in different ways. One must consider the physical traits of a person. Was the student male, female, heavy-set or thin? If Campus Police said the student drank prior to arriving at pub, why was this not detected by pub staff upon entry? Perhaps the alcohol did not settle by this point. Taking prescription or non-prescription drugs or illegal substances intensifies the effects of alcohol. If he went unnoticed when he arrived, didn't pub staff notice that one of their patrons was intoxicated once in the pub…even after having two drinks once inside the pub?

We've witnessed the closures of many bars and clubs around Mississauga and Toronto because these establishments were found to be negligently serving alcohol to minors. One reckless underage student could land the pub in serious trouble with the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario.

According to The Blind Duck Pub's Access Policy, UTM students under the age of nineteen must present a pub access card before being allowed into the pub wearing a wristband. While inside, they are not allowed to consume or even hold any alcohol beverages. Any underage student found drinking is ejected from the pub and subject to banning measures. Abuses of the access card system usually carry the penalty of being banned for one year past the nineteenth birthday of the offender, rather than just until the student comes of age.

Perhaps harsher penalties should be in order. Dawkins admits the current process is strict. But when one student threatens the future of the pub, are the current rules really that strict? If an underage student is caught, he or she should be banned from ever attending pub. Maybe students will think twice about breaking the rules.

We can't totally eradicate underage drinking but by tightening measures, we can create responsible drinking. If the university and the pub are worried about future occurrences, they should reconsider allowing minors into the pub.

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Student frustrated with classroom etiquette

Dear Editor,

As college graduate and a second year student at UTM, I have been in my fair share of lecture halls and packed classrooms. In my travels from one academic institution to another, there is one annoying, not to mention disturbing trend among post-secondary students – the inherent lack of respect for fellow students and professors.

I can empathize that professors who utilize the very last minutes of an allotted time block can be somewhat unsettling to the student on the go, but closing your books, shuffling your papers and zipping up your bag while the professor continues to speak will not convince him or her to move more quickly. Not only that, you are making other students unable to hear the final words of a lecture.

In my experience, a professor with a patient class will often divulge the most important information about upcoming tests at the end of a lecture, but will be more that happy to keep that knowledge to him or herself instead of sharing it with a disrespectful audience. Sit tight, relax and listen for the final five minutes. You might learn something. Have a little respect for professors and students around you. If you don't want to be there that badly, don't go to class.

One of the most common disgraces to a lecturer is the incessant ringing of cell phones playing polyphonic versions of Mozart's Third Symphony or 50 Cent's In Da Club. I can accept the odd time that one goes off near the beginning of a class, but what I can't understand is how anyone could forget to turn their phone off – especially after just witnessing the snickering and ridicule aimed at the student who forgot to turn off his cell phone the first time. Turn your phones off. At the very least, switch them to vibrate.

Last but not least, have the decency to be quiet. You may think you are whispering quietly enough so that only your friend can hear your comments on how the girl who sits two rows up looks today. I can assure you, you are interrupting the focus of everyone sitting around you.

I am not preaching nor and I professing that this author is perfect. As a reformed class clown and back-row disruptor I have learned many of these lessons the hard way. All I am asking is that students be more courteous while attending classes and lectures. If we all make an effort to be more respectful and professional, we will get much more out of our lectures and maybe learn to enjoy them.

It's simply a matter of respect. Something we are all capable of.

Joshua Lougheed-Laycock

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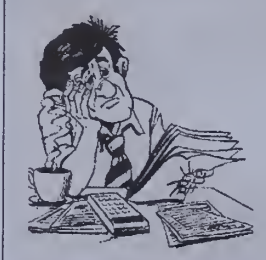

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FEATURES

All-candidate debate held last Friday evening at UTM

BY JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

Political apathy reared its ugly head as just over 50 people turned out for the all-candidates debate at the Kaneff Centre on Friday night. Four of the five candidates who are running to represent Mississauga Centre were on hand to present their platforms and answer audience questions (the Progressive Conservative candidate was absent).

Mohammed Hashim, vice president of the Students' Adminastrative Council gave a short speech before the politicians addressed the crowd. He spoke of the debt faced by post-secondary students and how it affects their lives way beyond graduation: students cannot effectively begin their lives as their focus is on their debt.

"This is because our government has made the decision that post-secondary education should be a privilege, not a right," Hashim said. "I believe everyone should have access, regardless of their financial situation. I believe education is a right, not a privilege."

After a plea for everyone, both candidates and audience members, to remember rules of etiquette and not boo or interrupt anyone, each candidate was given four minutes for opening remarks.

Michael Miller of the New Democratic Party (NDP) spoke first, giving some of his biographical background before moving on to the NDP platform. The public power campaign focuses on education, health and power issues, but does not ignore other concerns of Ontario's citizens.

"The NDP is the only party that has stood up to real issues," Miller declared. "We don't stop at the hot button issues of the day."

The NDP plans to make some immediate changes, if elected to govern this province. These include raising the minimum wage to eight dollars an hour, cutting tuition by ten percent and mandating a rent freeze until 2005.

Miller was accidentally cut short in his opening remarks by a miscommunication between the debate's moderators over timing. He continued after the other candidates had spoken, mentioning a plan to restore social services in the Peel region to the provincial average, at least.

The second speaker, Harinder Takhar of the Liberal party, gave personal background information, saying he has been aware of social issues in the area through his work as Chair on various boards and committees. In addition to giving figures in the Liberal's plan for restoring health care and education, Takhar spoke of local environmental issues.

"Mississauga has grown up over the past years, but the infrastructure has not grown up with it," Takhar said. "We have not saved our green spaces."

Jeffrey Scott Smith was representing the Green Party, the first new party in 100 years to fill a full slate of candidates for an election. He spoke of the party's desire to work toward proportional representation, a model of government that is working in several other countries, which would see political parties gain seats based on an overall number of votes and not simply victories in designated ridings. He also spoke of the need for coalitions.

"We can work more effectively together than apart," Smith said.

The last of the four candidates to give opening remarks was Giuseppe Gori, the leader of the Family Coalition (FC) party. He gave a brief history of the party (they were founded in 1987 in efforts to protect the unborn), and mentioned their development of seven reforms last May.

"However in June, there was a redefinition of marriage, which is of course preposterous," Gori said, which elicited audience reaction. "So our focus has changed to that issue."

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Rant: No point to vote

BY MIKE FAYE

"So what party are you voting for?"

How many times have you heard this over the past few weeks?

Truthfully, I tend not to answer, simply because each time I reply that I don't intend to vote, I can do without the disgusted stares and disappointed sighs that follow my response.

> "The problem with this election is that there simply isn't a good choice"

Voting is a right and a privilege. That's true. The problem with this election is that there simply isn't a good choice. It's no secret that voter turnouts decline with each election, especially amongst the younger generations.

Let's have a look at our characters to figure out why: Ernie, Dalton and Howard. It's as entertaining as a Saturday morning cartoon and just about as juvenile. The entire campaign of each of these candidates has been so geared towards the character slander of their opponents that they forgot their purpose was to discuss the issues that we, as Ontario citizens, truly care about.

PC leader Ernie Eves is the man behind constant cutbacks to health care, education and social programs. No one seems to like or dislike Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, simply because he's so wayward and spineless on any one issue that no one knows where exactly he stands, including himself.

NDP leader Howard Hampton never stood much of a chance anyway, because most of us remember former NDP leader Bob Rae and his brilliant term as Ontario Premier.

We're told that if we don't vote, politicians won't listen to us. That's not entirely true. Politicians don't listen to us anyway, simply because, traditionally, every politician is a corrupt liar.

It certainly is in the best interest of each politician to say, "If you vote for me, I'll make this happen," during campaign time, just as it is to say to most lobby groups and powerful corporations, "I'll accept your bribe and allow you to do illegal things, because I benefit", after they're elected.

Inevitably, as Ontario citizens, we find ourselves in the same situation every five years. We look at the issues. We look at the politicians that vow to change them for the better. Why should we believe them? It's simple. We shouldn't.

Despite people currently talking about the importance of your vote, five years from now it will be the same thing. Health care will still be in shambles, tuition higher than ever, public schools poorer, private schools richer, more pollution and smog, more ecosystems bulldozed for suburban and industrial development, higher taxes and a lower standard of living overall.

Did it really matter how many voted and what party came to power? No. Because once in power, whether left wing, right wing or in the middle like good ol' Dalton, politicians somehow forget the promises and issues they initially campaigned behind and instead set about making life easier for their golf buddies.

Through it all, the lists of broken promises and countless backroom dealings, most people will still talk about how everything can change if you would only just vote!

I can't faithfully support a system like democracy that's widely regarded as "not the best, but definitely the best of the worst". Perhaps I would if, for once, I saw a politician that not only kept their promises but also possessed a genuine vision for what our province, overall, is capable of achieving for itself given our standing as an advanced economy and society.

So go ahead and cast your vote. See where we are in five years. Here's one promise I'm willing to keep: what you do on Oct 2 won't make one goddamned difference.

Rant: Voting is a responsibility

BY JOHANNA KRISTOLAITIS

Over the past few weeks, I asked many people whom they're planning on voting for in the upcoming election. I have often heard responses such as "I'm not sure I'll vote" and "Oh, I don't vote", which appalls me.

Voting is a right, but if you don't use it, it is a right you are giving up. If you give up this right, others soon follow: the right to accessible public education, the right to universal health care, the right to stay healthy in the air we breathe, and the right to have your voice heard beyond an election.

If you don't vote, politicians won't listen to you. If you lobby the government with a concern, you often hear "Will this bring in votes?" What can you answer if you have not voted in the first place? Some people respond to this saying they have nothing to lobby politicians about, but the government oversees so many aspects of our lives through the funding it does (or does not) provide. Can you honestly say they do nothing that concerns you?

Voting is a privilege. Look at countries that do not have an electoral system to represent their people. Many of them are fighting for the rights we take for granted. Many of them find it incredible that we have such low voter turn-out here. Many would change places with us, and many of us wouldn't like to be in their shoes.

People have died for us to have this privilege. It does not matter that it was generations ago. They fought for the freedoms we now enjoy, and many of those freedoms may be lost if we do not exercise our voting privilege.

> "Exercise your right, your privilege and your resposibility to vote"

Voting is a responsibility. Not only to ourselves, living now in the world shaped by our governments, but also to the future generations that cannot presently have their say. The future will be a bleak one if we cannot turn the tide of privatization that our current government seems bent on. We will all lose. All of us, except perhaps the fat cats whose companies gain the private contracts, and who haven't learned (or don't care) that they can't take it with them, and that they're not leaving much for the rest of us.

The election is Oct 2. It is fast approaching. Our future needs the input of all of us. If you're not sure you're registered to vote, find out how you can be (check out voteeducation.ca for more details). If you're not sure who to vote for, look into the platforms of the various parties; most of them have websites that will give you all this information.

The "Regressive" Conservatives are practically counting on a low voter turnout to keep them in power. They know they don't have the charm and appeal they once did, and they hope they've created enough political apathy to squeak by yet again. Don't help them.

You've paid the tuition increases. You've seen the funding cuts to all levels of public education. You've seen the cuts to other public services (social assistance, health care, etc.). Don't be fooled into thinking these cuts will stop and programs will be restored.

If you check out the party platforms, and still want to keep our current government, then vote for them. If you agree that a change is in order, help it come about by voting for another party. But please, do not resign yourself, and the rest of us, to silent agreement with a corporate agenda.

This week, exercise your right, your privilege and your responsibility to vote.

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Political candidates vie for votes at Kaneff Centre

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At the conclusion of these initial statements, the floor was opened up for audience members to ask questions of the politicians. First to the microphone was Joel Duff, Ontario chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students. He asked if the present parties were more or less interested in funding public education than the current Conservative government. He also mentioned the request CFS has made for education funding in Ontario to be raised to the national average. Not surprisingly, every one of the candidates said their party would invest more in education.

The next audience question also related to education, asking where it was ranked in the priority list of each party. Takhar said the Liberal party had two priorities: health care and education. He assured those present that education came first. Miller admitted that, with the aging population in Ontario, health care came first, and within education, the public school system came before post-secondary education.

"If elected, I would fight more for the university level," Miller said. "And we are the only party creating a new assistance plan for students, one that's more up-to-date, taking things like rent and parking costs into consideration."

Gori said education comes first, mentioning the FC party's plan to decentralize decisions in the public education system, allowing parents to send their children to whatever public school they'd like. He also put forth the idea of debt repayment based on earnings, not timeline.

Smith was the last to respond to this question, saying much political talk has been about health care and education as priorities.

"Without clean air, water and land…it doesn't really matter which is most important," Smith said.

Four of the five candidates running to represent Mississauga Centre answer audience questions on Friday night. Election Day is this Thursday. *photo/ Johanna Kristolaitis*

Yet another education-related question followed as a young woman spoke about students with families.

"We have the greatest debt load and the greatest stress load," she said. "What assistance can you give to people who believe in both education and family?"

Miller again mentioned the NDP's plan to cut tuition by ten percent and a plan for ten dollar a day government subsidized daycare. These plans would result in immediate savings for students with families. Gori again mentioned the FC's plan to localize decision-making, including teachers' salaries. Smith mentioned the idea of alternate methods of debt repayment, including community service, while Takhar spoke of the Liberal's plan to freeze tuition for at least 2 years, as well as increasing student assistance and grants.

An older Irishman approached the microphone with a specific question for each of the four candidates. His question for Takhar elicited a promise to vote against hydro privatization, if elected. Hydro was also the topic of the question for Smith – What alternatives do you see if hydro is privatized? Smith said hydro privatization is definitely a bad idea, but that the price cap currently in place discourages conservation and development of alternative energy sources. It needs to be removed before alternatives will truly be looked at.

Proportional representation was brought up again as Miller was asked his opinion. He said he's open to looking at it, having done a study on it before, but that there are many other issues that need to come first. Gori was asked if he would continue to respect a child if they decided to marry someone of the same-sex, Gori skirted the issue in his response, saying the FC respect everyone's rights as individuals.

A question about education reform was brought to the candidates by a young man who had traveled in Europe and seen the advanced state, in his opinion, of their education system. Gori agreed, again referring to the FC's decentralization plan, while Smith said more investigation into the matter was necessary on his part before he could effectively give his opinion. Takhar detailed some of the changes proposed by the Liberals, including capping class sizes in the junior grades.

"For everything you need a plan, a vision," Takhar said. "This government rushed through reform plans and that created problems."

Miller said he'd heard praise for the European system before, but he'd also heard horror stories of long days and physical punishment for not knowing the required material. He said updating textbooks in schools would be an important step in bettering the current provincial education system.

"We need to ensure every student gets by. Now, some students are getting better and more are falling through the cracks," he said. "It's no good to have some racing for the bar at the expense of others."

A direct question was asked to Miller about the NDP's current status in the political system. The young gentleman declared his agreement with NDP policies, but frustration with their consistent third-place standing, saying voting for the Liberal party might be a better use of his vote.

"You're talking about strategic voting," Miller said. "I say vote for who you believe in and see how it plays out. If everyone voted the way they felt, you'd be surprised how different it would be."

The next question asked all candidates if they would vote with their party or with their constituents, if it came down to that in a parliamentary vote. Everyone said that they would vote with their conscience, though each phrased it differently. Both Miller and Takhar referred to the need for reform in that area of parliament.

An older gentleman asked the candidates what ideas they had for Mississauga Centre in particular. Miller mentioned his passion for environmental issues, and his desire to hear what the people of Mississauga Centre have to say. Smith agreed that talking to the people in the riding is important. Takhar said the three things he heard most when going door to door were health care, auto insurance (which the NDP plans to make provincially regulated), and social services. He also mentioned the idea of a monorail to cut down on traffic and pollution going into Toronto.

Jason Borchenko, special projects coordinator for the Erindale College Student Union, offered twenty dollars to the first candidate that could show he kept his election promises. He went on to say he believed where there's a will, there's a way.

"What can you say that shows you have the will?" he asked.

Gori said the 51 FC candidates are running to ensure there's a different opinion voiced in parliament; that's their will. Smith said none of the Green Party members are in it for the money; in fact, the party wants to ban union and corporate donations to political parties. Takhar said he believes it is an honour to serve the community and if he can't keep his election promises after being elected, he'll quit. Miller agreed with this statement, saying he is passionate about issues, ideas and keeping his word.

Several more questions were asked, though they were slightly rushed in response due to the length of the debate at this point. Questions were regarding the private school tax credit, hidden fees, the need for religious diversity in schools, the human rights violations of non-Europeans, youth and peaceful protesters, social services for people with physical and mental disabilities, including the elderly (services that have been drastically cut by the Conservatives over the last two terms in office), and the 'mind pollution' of advertisement crowding public space. Candidates answered these questions as briefly as possible, though it seemed obvious that further discussion would have been appreciated by the questioners as well as the candidates.

The question period at an end, Joel Duff gave closing remarks, praising the Erindale Part-time Undergraduate Students group for organizing the debate, saying students and other citizens need to set the political agenda, and not simply the politicians. He urged everyone present to take the issues discussed beyond the lecture hall so that people going to the polls would be keeping the public's issues in mind.

Duff listed three myths that keep people from voting: 1) one vote one make a difference, 2) all politicians are the same, and 3) all politicians are liars. Admitting that there is sometimes truth in myth, Duff declared the obvious differences between the parties, negating myth number two. He also stated the fact that most ridings with post-secondary campuses are tight races at the polls, including Mississauga Centre, countering the idea that one vote won't matter.

In response to myth number three, Duff said the work of the people is not done on Election Day. Citizens need to pressure their politicians to keep the promises made during election campaigns.

"We have one more week to make sure our issues are at the forefront," Duff said. "Then on Oct. 2, get your souls to the polls and exercise your democratic right to vote."

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An interview with sexy Sue Johanson

BY JULIE TYIOS

I was promised an interview with Sue Johanson before her show at the Blind Duck Pub last Tuesday evening. I waited around nervously for Sue to arrive and was surprised when I saw her.

She was a nice, seemingly proper looking and well-dressed lady that could pass for anyone's grandma. The only difference is, not many grandmothers are renowned experts and can speak freely on everyone's favorite subject: sex.

Question (Q): How many times have you been to UTM?

Answer (A): Oh, I think this is my fifth year here now. Fourth or fifth.

Q: You must travel to a lot of other places to speak and give advice. How does UTM differ from other schools in regards to a general attitude about sex? And what issues seem to be most important to us?

A: UTM seems to not differ very much. You could say you guys here are 'normal', so to speak. The double cohort and the difference in ages may have changed things this year, changed them in a way I didn't expect. Kids seem quieter and more attentive, very adult-like and mature. I'm shocked, I keep thinking 'Oh boy...'

Sue Johanson *photo/ Mehraan Pavri*
spoke and demonstrated last Tuesday.

Q: How exactly do you set out to help people? Are you looking to educate, inform, or just preach?

A: I do this so that people can realize they *are* sexual human beings and give them permission to learn about their bodies. I also give out information about safer sex, birth control, and encourage good communication; so that people don't settle for less than the best sexually.

Q: Your TV show, *The Sunday Night Sex Show*, aired nationally on the Women's Television Network in February of '96. In a previous interview you stated that your primary audience then was teenagers but now it seems to be shifting to adults and viewers of all ages. Do different age groups have different views regarding sex? Is there a generational gap?

A: No, there isn't much of a difference in attitude at all. Questions I'm receiving have become much more graphic in nature, i.e. people are asking about blowjob techniques, anal sex, the G-spot, etc. There's also a stronger women's voice coming through and becoming more assertive. People have different expectations of sex now then they did before.

Q: Some of the things you do during your show might seem a bit extreme to some people. Last year we put a picture of you in our paper demonstrating oral sex techniques on a dildo. Do you set out to be a bit radical in order to get people's attention involving sexual issues or do you just do things as you feel like it?

A: I don't think I'm radical; I'm comfortable doing this. I do it as I see it.

Q: Have you had any crazy responses to your show? I know you discuss sex toys on the air. Are people generally accepting of the way you do things?

A: We've never really had any problems; we started out on radio first before moving to TV. We're doing a separate show in the States now with a whole different set of American callers each show. We expected some sort of criticism but it didn't happen, which is funny because things are quite different in the States. Their sex education is far worse than ours.

Q: You're relatively famous, so what you say must have a lot of influence. How serious is this to you? Is it more of a fun thing?

A: Well there's no sense lecturing anyone, or preaching and moralizing. Parents did that for years. Sex is funny. If you can't laugh about it, don't do it; but you also have to know what you're doing.

Q: What are some common questions you get, or some that are extreme?

A: There are some unusual ones, a lot regarding risky behaviour. I remember one guy asking about masturbating into a jar of peanut butter once.

Q: What seemingly are the most common problems among the university/college age group of 18 to 22?

A: The most common overall are about body image: 'I don't like my body'. Among guys, it's 'My penis isn't big enough'. Girls are more 'My breasts are too big/too small', 'My genitals don't look or smell good', or about fear. They're afraid of going to the gynecologist, getting birth control, pain or getting a reputation.

Q: What's in the bag?

A: You'll see.

Q: Ha ha ok. Well, do you have any famous last words of advice for us?

A: Absolutely. Know what you're doing, think ahead, *plan* ahead, never just let it happen. *Always* practice safer sex. Always.

POETRY CORNER

Sugarless Life

BY NINA PEREZ

You are a speck of dust
that clings to my T.V. screen.
returning regularly
for my weekly dusting.

You are a strapping gust of wind
that forces strands of hair
in my mouth and eyes.
irritating me to bits
while refreshing my armpits.

You are a ray of light
escaping my blinds
that drives me
to curse the world.
for waking me before noon.

Line up the days of the week against a wall
And stone them to death.

You are the unbending voice in my head
that tells me to keep fighting.
but not often enough.
You mean nothing to me
before I fall asleep at night.

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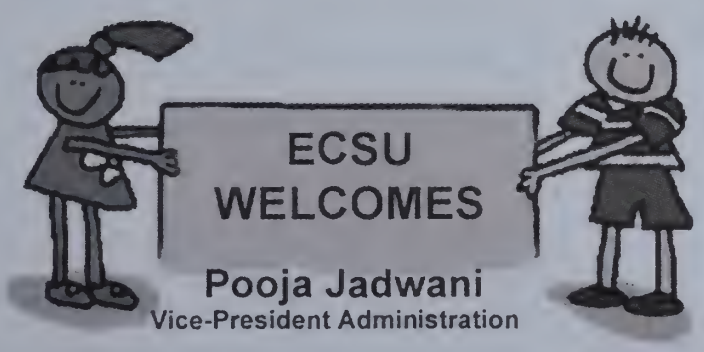

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Arts & Entertainment

High praise and many laughs for Erindale students

By: Marina Sigareva

Three plays. Fifty minutes. Completely run by Erindale students as Independent Student Projects. That was the concept behind this past weekend's B4 The Fringe VI. The festival ran from Friday through Sunday, at Theatre Erindale.

Each of the three nights, the plays performed in a different order. On Saturday evening's performance, Daniel MacIvor's one-act play, Never Swim Alone, showed first.

A. Francis Delorenzo, played by Erez Bowers, and William (Bill) Wade, played by Steven Boleantu, in front of a referee played by Claire Acott. They used insults and memories they had of each other from childhood. The script examines the effect a horrifying childhood accident has on the two men and their competitiveness with one another.

Cory Doran, the play's director, helped the actors convey clarity and strength in their performances. The hard work needed to put on all three pieces soon became evident, especially with each group's excellent timing.

In Never Swim Alone, timing needed to be perfect to achieve the full effect of the script. And it was.

Although with too much speed, sometimes comes disaster, here the only mistake occurred when the male actors mixed up the names of their spouses, Donna and Sally. The complex physical and oral interactions between the three actors lead to a startling and breathless climax.

The second play of the night, A...My Name is Alice, left the audience in hysterics. A sixties feminist musical, it showcased multiple angles of the female experience in a highly patriarchal culture. But it never became preachy or bitter, only supportive and fun.

A. Francis Delorenzo, played by Erez Bowers, and William (Bill) Wade, played by Steven Boleantu, are left hanging by the referee, played by Claire Acott, during Never Swim Alone. *photo/Theatre Erindale*

Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd's script emerged entertaining and insightful due to the large and largely talented all-female cast. The ladies, each of whom sang and danced, never broke character, even though their hilarious antics made the crowd roar.

The play, made up of different pro-female skits, never seemed tedious. Unique and charismatic characters and situations, like a shy poet, an innocent housewife at a strip club, and a German singer named Heidi who sang her father's lullaby, stayed with the audience through intermission.

The costumes, retro 60s wear and psychedelic prints, could have been pushed even farther to outrageousness. The props, had they been painted brighter, or had more of an art-deco or mod feel, would have added spice to the retro theme.

Truly, A...My Name is Alice is truly an admirable effort.

Ten students co-wrote Chekhov By The Sea: 25 Plays in 45 Minutes Having Little or Nothing to do With Chekhov. Due to time constraints, the audience only saw 18 of the 25 mini-plays.

A pity. Agony. Cruelty. This approach to theatre – smaller plays make a small play, having varying themes – keeps the audience interested.

While more comedic than Theatre Smith-Gilmour's critically-acclaimed Chekhov's Shorts and Chekhov Longs...In the Ravine, Chekhov' By The Sea still possesses some serious qualities. Unfortunately, these harp the quick pacing of the fast-witted and funny majority of plays.

Also, some parts, such as the all-female kiss in the doctor's chair in Free Association, or the needs a woman expresses, become clichéd.

The truly ridiculous aspects of the script prove to be most poignant and droll. In one play, a banana talks with a radiator. In Internal Monologue, four actors act being audience members, and highlight how the real audience thinks and acts while watching them perform. Chekhov by the Sea shows the misunderstood playwright pore out his feelings to the audience – in Russian.

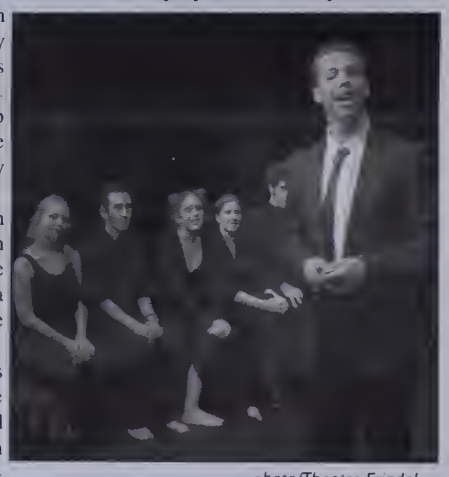
The actor could have worked on his Russian, but overall his vulnerability and honesty, and appearance, give the audience much to laugh at.

Many inside jokes that appear in the script become hard to understand if an audience member does not know Uta, or the Method, or the head of the theatre department at Erindale.

The plain costumes – pure theatre blacks – could have been covered or made to look more uniform on all the actors to add to the aesthetics of the production. And the actors lose seriousness while waiting on the sidelines to perform. This makes the audience question whether they are part of the play when they sit off to the side, or part of the audience.

The production, as a whole, turned out amazing, in spite of the fact that teachers had little to do with it. Or maybe it gained strength due to their absence.

The audience participated in each play in some way, and their support and enthusiasm made the actors livelier. This was a night of laid-back, loving fun.



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While the Fringe festival is not an official part of the Theatre Erindale season, the plays put on this season at Theatre Erindale have a hard act to follow after these independent student projects.

The zest, the passion, and enthusiasm displayed during the night of theatre leaves another thought, besides how talented Erindale students can be.

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Seven zany women form an all-girl band, and express their inner Amazon through song and dance. *photo/Theatre Erindale*

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Punk rock *rebels* in *black*

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club
Take Them On, On Your Own
Virgin Records 2003

BY: MAGDA CZECHOWICZ

Three boys in black. **Peter Hayes** on guitar and vocals, **Robert Turner** on bass and vocals and **Nick Jago** on drums.

Put em' together and the tight fist-pumping of the **Black Rebel Motorcycle Club** race through the air with melodies driven by buzzy guitar licks and searing solos.

Take Them On, On Your Own is as aggressive as its title, getting in your face about war, violence and government corruption even as its black music is very dark and introspective with profound emotional lyrics to top it off.

The band is very talented and they prove themselves as both good musicians and deep songwriters.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club is one of those albums that grow on you the more you listen to it.

Their main inspirations come from the **Sex Pistols, the Jesus and Mary Chain, T. Rex**.

If you're into punk rock and want to try something new, check out the real... MEN IN BLACK!

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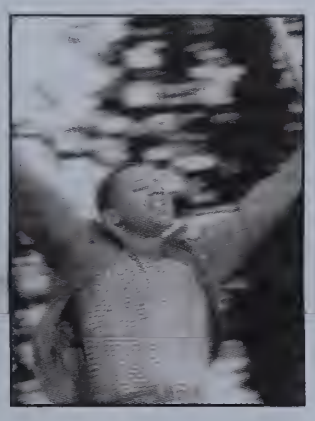

The film screens Monday Oct. 6, 2003 at AMC Winston Churchill @7:00p.m.

David Usher spins in circles

David Usher
Hallucinations
EMI Records 2003

BY: UTAMI KIRANA

Following up to his album *Morning Orbit*, **David Usher** tries to repeat his success by releasing *Hallucinations*.

Unfortunately, his new album does not include songs with such potential like his international hit '*Black Black Heart*'. The album shares the same mood as all his other recordings.

Listening to this mellow and rather haunting (soothing) CD, there are times that it becomes hard to differentiate one track from another.

Track three '*Numb*' is one of the few rather catchy – guitary tunes he delivers in this album. His cover of **My Brilliant Beast**'s '*If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next*' actually managed to raise my hair up and for a second, I thought I was being brainwashed.

If you don't mind getting depressed by listening to a CD, this will satisfy you.

Fans of his previous album will either be ecstatic with this third release or get really bored of hearing the similar/identical tunes, over and over again. And of course, there are people like me who find him more of eye-candy.

Rebecca Hope Terry braves the '*weather*' to perform

By: Julie Tyios

Weather, an hour-long play described as "A one-woman show about the weather, inside and out" is written and performed by Toronto actress Rebecca Hope Terry. It follows the story of a middle-aged weather-woman who, over the course of a harsh Canadian winter, slips further and further into a depressive state of mind.

During the monologue, the audience views the character as increasingly unstable mentally and emotionally. The prevailing theme of the play, man versus self, is cleverly associated with the advent of a severe Canadian winter. The downfall of the character is metaphorically displayed alongside the worsening weather. She is deeply affected at the very epitome of the winter and is healed when Spring dawns, much like the earth itself. The play is aided by interpretive dances, the ever-changing backdrop, lighting conditions and the accompanying music.

Terry's character spends much of the play reminiscing about her childhood or her past love life and how it affects her current personality; however she still cannot fully explain why she is changing. "I don't know why I am the way I am," she states as she falls farther into depression, "Well I do, there's just nothing to be done about it." She also comes to a realization during one of the weather reports she gives, when she describes the current conditions as moving from "High and bright to low and unstable" thus causing her to evaluate the way her mind has changed.

The play received a good audience response at its Canadian premiere, but the storyline is somewhat hard to follow. The character switches in between giving televised weather reports and being at home with no major transitions. The set remains the same – the only change is with lighting. It is hard to tell at times when she is speaking to herself or to an audience, and exactly who the audience is.

It is quite a difficult piece of work to write and perform by one's self and much of the appeal of the play lies in watching Terry pull off the role effortlessly. The way the story is portrayed at times is almost as if it comes straight from a novel and also has an overall independent film feel. Terry created **The Moving Company** earlier this year, which produces such theatrical works, incorporating a number of unique disciplines such as dance, music, clown and text-based theatre. Terry said her reason for this was to "support creative approaches that might or might not defy definition in traditional theatre terms."

Weather will move to Europe for a fifteen city tour in Britain after it completes its three-week run in Toronto at the **Factory Theatre**.

Weather, a one-woman play that deals with depression, runs in Toronto until mid-October. *photo/media photo*

Little Sophia Coppola's Second Film A Huge Hit

Lost in Translation
By: Jennifer Browne

★★★★★

Lost In Translation, Sofia Coppola's second full-length feature film, recently screened at the Toronto International Film Festival, generated much media acclaim.

Coppola, who directs her second feature, is not new to the film industry. She is the only daughter of Francis Ford Coppola, director of *Apocalypse Now* and *The Godfather* trilogy. Her first feature, the 2000 Toronto shot *Virgin Suicides*, is a wonderfully melancholic and critically acclaimed film that won her the Best New Film Maker Award (MTV) and much respect.

Lost In Translation tells a tale of two very misplaced individuals from different generations. Charlotte (Scarlett Johansson, *Ghost World*) is a young newlywed and a recent graduate who accompanies her husband (*Virgin Suicides* narrator Giovanni Ribisi) on a business trip to Tokyo. Since her photographer husband works everyday, the despondent and confused philosophy major Charlotte muses over life and comes up unfulfilled in her attempt at soul searching. At the same time washed-up movie star Bob (Bill Murray, *Charlie's Angels, Rushmore, Groundhog Day*) is in town to endorse a brand of Japanese whisky. Distressed over his withering career, detached family and a possible looming midlife crises the lonely and discontent Bob tries to figure out life.

The pair bond over cocktails in the hotel lounge. Soon, they become inseparable. This elegantly simplistic movie tells a story unconventionally. *Lost In Translation* has moments that will make you laugh out loud and moments of raw emotion and, like any art house film, moments of mundane quietness and drawn out camera pans – it all seems fitting in Coppola's master plan.

This movie is far more confident that her first film. It's well executed and above all it is beautifully shot and comes together seamlessly. The cinematography is excellent and it almost seems that each frame could stand alone and still tell a story.

Rising actress Scarlett Johansson and screen veteran Bill Murray have a wonderfully stirring and believable chemistry and both add energy to the movie. Check out *Lost in Translation* for a great movie, a good story and a laugh.

Director Sophia Coppola tells of the unlikely pairing of young Charlotte and middle-aged Bob in Tokyo in her new film. *photo/Web photo*

Pass this on: Band likes 'Stacy's mom'

Fountains of Wayne
Welcome Interstate Managers
BMI 2003

By: David Dishart

Fountains of Wayne is one pop/rock group who have made their mark on the music world since the mid 90s. The band's genesis took place in New York when **Adam Schlesinger** and **Chris Collington** met at college. After college the duo reunited, and had a failed attempt at putting forth an album under the name **Wallflowers**.

Welcome Interstate Managers is the band's third album. This record is mainly a compilation of songs sung as a duo, however, **Joey Porter** (guitarist) and **Brian Young** (drums) have recently been added to the group's present roster.

This album offers listeners an eclectic mix of songs that encompass styles like country bar sound heard on 'Hung Up On You'; a smooth, jazzy 'mood music' sound on 'Hailley's Waitress.' Teenage angst mixed with garage band sound is evident on the track 'Stacy's Mom'.

Other tracks like 'All Kinds Of Time', offers a warm and inspiring sound that is achieved because of the wonderful combination at work lyrically and musically. The song 'Supercollider' is one which is wonderfully structured due in part to the guitar sound alongside the smooth vocals.

Overall, 'Valley Winter Song' is probably the most lyrically and harmonious rich song. Its overtones are reminiscent of the sultry sounds of **Simon and Garfunkel**. This album is one that will be hard for listeners to stop playing. Listening to the CD one song at a time from first to last will allow you to feel the literal dynamic that these musicians inject into each song. The album appeals to various tastes.

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WHEN NIGHT COMES, HE LAMENTS OVER HIS UNUSUALLY FRUSTRATING SITUATION.
HE HAS TRIED ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS TO MOUNT AND PENETRATE HIS BELOVED OWNER, BUT WITH NO SUCCESS.
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SEXUAL CAT CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE THING WORSE THAN HIS UNQUENCHABLE DESIRE...
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Correction: In Volume 30 Issue 4 'Art exhibit turns skateboarding into…art' was written by Johanna Kristolaitis.***The Medium*** sincerely apologizes for not citing the author.

SPORTS

Do I look fat in this?

James Walker is a UTM student who is a certified Can-Fit-Pro Personal Trainer Specialist who works out of the UTM Centre for Physical Education. He can be reached at jwalker@utm.utoronto.ca.

BY JAMES WALKER

Did you know that you need to burn approximately 3500 calories in order to lose a single pound of fat? The amount of calories you burn depends on the type of activity performed. It also depends on age, sex and individual body type.

Many people also forget that if you are alive, you spend energy. For example, sleeping consumes approximately 45 calories per hour, and one can burn 80 calories per hour simply sitting in front of the TV. Other examples include weight lifting, which burns about 575 calories every hour, and rowing, which uses up to 816 calories per hour! If you're looking for a good reason to pick up a shovel this winter, think about this: you can spend up to 575 calories per hour simply clearing your driveway.

So how do you know how many calories you are burning? A common misconception is that you can judge how much energy you are using based on how much you sweat. In reality, sweating is your body's response to higher than normal temperature, and while it can be triggered by internal heat as a result of activity, very often it is a simple response to an external stimulus.

For example, you can run outside in the winter (a moderately demanding activity) and not sweat a drop. Conversely, you can sit in a sauna (which is not physically demanding at all) and sweat buckets! A general guideline to follow is that the harder you work, the more calories you burn.

Burning lots of calories and reducing fat are not always the same thing. Depending on the intensity of the activity, your body uses different systems to metabolize energy. During low intensity exercise, for example, your body primarily uses Fatty-Acid Oxidation. In other words, fat will constitute a large proportion of your body's fuel. Higher intensity exercise, on the other hand, uses mainly carbohydrates as an energy source. This means that while you burn more calories by working harder, you use a lesser proportion of calories from fat. In order for your body to turn fat into energy, it must have large quantities of oxygen available to use in a chemical reaction. As you work harder, your body's demand for energy exceeds the available supply of oxygen, and you begin to use other energy sources through different chemical reactions.

So what's really WRONG with sitting around all day? Accumulating as little as 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day (walking, going to the gym, having sex, etc.) can help you live longer. Combined with a balanced diet, this strategy can not only help you tremendously in controlling your weight (making you look and feel better), but also reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis.

Caloric Expenditure Measurements Taken From: http://www.fitresource.com/Fitness/CalBurn.htm

Men's football win season opener

BY "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

Even traffic on a sunny Sunday afternoon could not stop the UTM men's flag football team from winning 29–0 over Victoria in division one action. Some of the team went by car but most went with the men's rugby team via bus and got stuck in traffic (heck, even a book festival slowed things down even more), so UTM played shorthanded 6 on 7 for the first half until the rest arrived. QB and coach "Downtown" Jon Brown said he had no problems and the stats showed that, as he went 17 for 21 in the game, throwing 4 touchdowns and completing a one point convert and 2 two point converts. Other players who played 'ironman' style were defensive captain Matt Reid, Matt Sylvester (4 catches, 1 touchdown and one of the two point converts caught), rookie Brian Rousson (2 catches and a touchdown), Mark Hawthrone (3 catches and the one point convert caught), and "The Human Highlight Reel" Jordan Latorre (4 catches) who dove and caught one just inbounds early in the game. With UTM up 15–0 by the first half, the calvary finally arrived.

With the fresh bodies going in, Vic could not keep up. Andrew Rabba caught an interception and nearly ran it back for a touchdown. He did catch one for a touchdown. "Triple" Jeremy J. Jackson caught the other touchdown pass. Another newcomer, Peter Lisboa, caught the other 2 point convert.

Others involved on offence were Rafiq Hakim (1 catch), while on defence Miguel Co caught tow interceptions, while Josh "Sapp" Leycock sacked the Vic QB once and tipped another one of his passes. Also making their debuts were rookies Rob Molnar, Jeremy Wong, Mark Co, and Damian Yearwood. Next game will be Saturday Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m. at UTM's South Field against FPEH (Phys. Ed. Downtown). Come out and support the team!

UTM's stifling defense shuts down Victoria College. *photos/Darryl Sequeira*
***Above,* a Vic player completes a reception but is about to be swarmed by a group of UTM defenders led by Andrew Rabba (5). *Top right,* Josh Leycock rushes the Vic quarterback in an attempt to knock down his pass.**

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Women's field hockey undefeated at 2-0

BY GEMMA CASSIDY

The UTM Women's Field Hockey had their first game against Skule on Thursday Sept. 18, and started off another season in regular fashion with a 9–1 victory.

Veterans Alison Thomas and Kate Dias, "the dream team", jumped back into form with four and three goals respectively.

Rookies Sara Khan and Sara Moir, both with one goal, each proved themselves to be valuable assets.

Deanna Bubola and coach Gemma Cassidy held back any advances with great midfield defense, backed by an amazing defense line made up of rookies Julie Ng, Kirsten Iversen and veteran Kelsey Ainsworth.

Ashley Juchawski showed great promise in her left wing position by making some key assist passes. But the star of the game was veteran Heather Sabiston who, in a clinch, played kicking back, displaying great agility and has now accepted a full time position as goalie on the team.

The girls' second game was to be played this past Sunday but apparently when Trinity College heard what they were up against they used their better judgment and did not show. Trinity had suffered a 10–0 thrashing against Scarborough last week and knew they would suffer a similar fate against the Lady Eagles.

UTM plays Scarborough on Oct. 4 and the team welcomes all fans to come out to the UTSC field to cheer them on. The game promises to be intense as it is a rematch of the finals from last year which UTM won 2–0.

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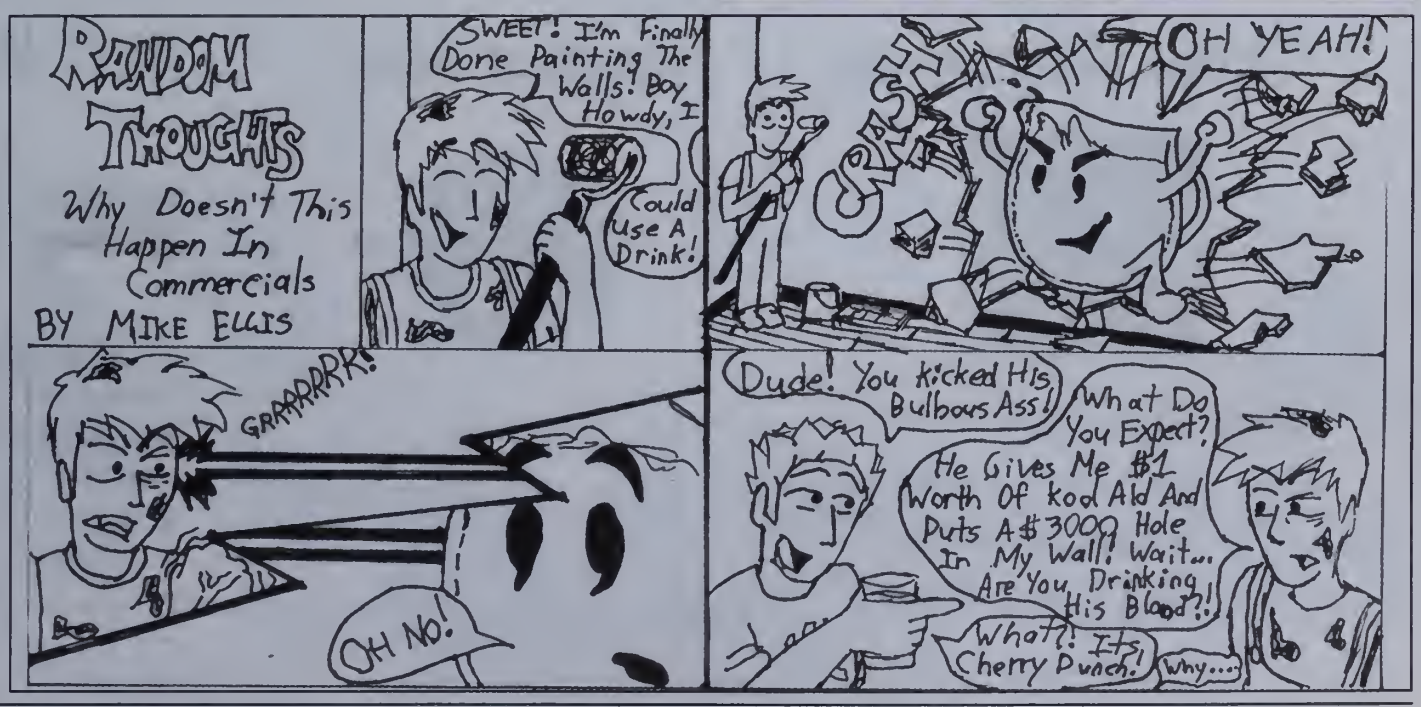
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Lady Eagles exact revenge on PharmaLaw

By Darryl Sequeira

The Lady Eagles avenged their semi-final playoff defeat from a year ago. The girls thumped PharmaLaw 7-0 on Sept. 27 in a rain-soaked UTM pitch.

UTM's Steph Wagler opened the scoring with her first of two goals in the opening half. Also adding tallies were Carlie van Gameren and first year player Candice James.

UTM Keeper Emily Saleh could not decide if she wanted to shine on offence or defence, so she chose both. She scored blanked PharmaLaw in the first half and scored a goal in the second half. Christie DesRoches combined with Saleh to shutout the opposition. Captain Andrea Chan continued her regular season scoring streak by adding a goal into a gaping net on a cross from Candice James. The seventh goal came on a tap-in by van Gameren after deking around the PharmaLaw keeper. It appeared that PharmaLaw threw in the towel after the first half as the Lady Eagles soundly outplayed them as they were very aggressive and seemed to play with a lot more confidence. Captain Chan remarked "both teams have lost key players from the previous year, but that she was happy with the additions to the UTM team." PharmaLaw will be in tough to repeat as division one champions.

The team is now 2-0 to start the season. They continued to show the hustle and determination from their season opener. Teresa Cutruzzola continued her tenacious attack on the opposition while the team added first year player Tanya Vuia who was very aggressive creating numerous turnovers and chances for UTM. Captain Chan has been pleased with the performance of the team and added "these two wins should be a boost to our confidence as we march to the championship."

The defensive pressure put forth by the team has made it virtually impossible for teams to get any quality shots directed at the UTM net.

The Lady Eagles will now get a well-deserved rest. The girls are back in action in a match-up on Oct. 9 at 4:30p.m. against Engineering.

photo/Darryl Sequeira

UTM's rookie forward Tanya Vuia (*top left*), takes the ball upfield as she prepares to send in a shot on the PharmaLaw keeper. *Top right*, Teresa Cutruzzola (10) takes on two defenders as she tries to strip the ball off of them. *Above*, UTM's Christine Gonyou tries to out run her opponent to the ball on one of UTM's many successful attacks at the PharmaLaw net. UTM bulged the twine seven times in their shutout win. The Lady Eagles are now on a two game winning streak to start the season.

UTM's women's football comes up short in season opener vs. UTSC A

By Gemma Cassidy

The Lady Eagles took their first flight on the football pitch this Sunday against UTSC and although they dominated the game it was an 18–0 loss for us.

The girl's team is just now coming together and with Mel Lui and Jessica Jarvis quarterbacking the team looks forward to seeing UTSC in the finals with the trophy in hand.

Amazing plays were made by Sophia Bouris who had a surprising catch off of a tip by Jarvis, and Zeba Karmally, Aubrey Iwaniw, Sara Nicholson and Mandy Pereira also played very well offensively.

Quenita Walrod and Gemma Cassidy also returned as key veteran players and made some key plays in the game including an interception and caused many incomplete passes for the other team.

The girls will get their fair share of UTSC competition as the suburban campus counterpart has entered two teams in the division one league.

UTM will be in tough as both Scarborough teams played each other in the finals last season. But in a long season, anything is possible. The Lady Eagles have also been working hard at practice and each player knows that there is room for improvement.

They play UTSC B team on Saturday Oct. 4 at 12:00p.m. at the Scarborough campus. The team hopes to see some support in the stands this time around.

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Coach's experience pays dividends

BY JEREMY JACKSON

On Sept. 23, the UTM's men's division one interfaculty volleyball team played their home opener against Chestnut, a new team to the league. As the first game progressed, some substitutions were made for veteran players with hampering injuries. Two of the new players on the team, Dave Buivids, and Jeff Ham, stepped up and showed the impressive abilities of their raw talent, to help the team win the first game.

The Men's team began the second game slowly, but again, after some key substitutions, quickly came back from a 6-2 deficit over the rookie Chestnut team. Jon Chew's setting was very impressive for the first game of the season, along with Norway's flurry of kill shots.

Many of the new, inexperienced players did not see any playing time, as both of the games were close and there was no room for error. This volleyball team has not made the playoffs in three years, and with that being their goal this semester, everything and anything must be done to win games.

The recruitment of former Canadian national player and former Varsity Blues Head Coach Peter Stefaniuk is a good step towards putting the team into winning mode. The team looks promising after the first game, and though it is still very early in the season, it seems Stefaniuk's amazing coaching skills may just be the team's first steps towards playoff contention.

The team now travels downtown to square off against Meds on Sept. 30 at 10:05pm.

Ex-Varsity Head Coach Peter Stefaniuk diagrams a play for the UTM squad during a time-out. *photo/Robyn Thomas*
His experience and leadership could be what the team needs to get them over the hump that has plagued them for the last few years. So far, the team won its season opener against Chestnut at home. They hope to carry the momentum into their next game on Sept. 30 against the defending division one champions from Medicine.

'Ultimate' season to-date

BY LINDSEY SONES

The UTM Eagles co-ed ultimate frisbee team traveled downtown on Sept. 28 to play their second game of the season against Skule B (Engineering). Although Skule scored the first touchdown of the game, UTM dominated the match, winning it with a final score of 13–3.

The team turned up their defensive pressure from their previous win by shutting down Skule every time they came close to scoring. The team was graced by the presence of Jeremy Jackson who was brilliant on both the offensive and defensive ends of the field. Jackson managed to shut down the top Skule player while scoring numerous times; the majority of them set-up by Eugene Wong. The two combined to obliterate whatever hopes Skule had going into the second half.

The Eagles were up 5–2 at half, but the "Action" Jackson/Wong combination tortured Skule. The two were supported by their team mates in what had to be the most satisfying win for the team in the past couple of years. They continue their quest for an undefeated season on Oct. 4.

The second game of the year was the Jackson/Wong showcase as the two combined to lead UTM to a 13–3 victory (*top right*). The team will try and go for their third consecutive win on Oct. 4. *photos/Darryl Sequeira*

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"If you were the Red Wings GM, who would you keep: Dominek Hasek or Curtis Joseph?"

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"I would definitely get rid of Cujo because he left the Leafs and we got farther with him the previous year in the playoffs. He also screwed the Red Wings during the playoffs against the Ducks. Cujo's probably kicking himself in the ass right about now."

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UTM coach questions the commitment of his players

By Marko Balen

Week two of the men's division one soccer season saw UTM facing New College (NC). With several key players coming off injury and after a tie in their first game, Coach Pellegrino expected nothing less than victory.

The mix of a sloppy, wet field, no substitutes, a missing goalie and a lone Turkish supporter would prove to be a recipe for disaster. The whereabouts of the goalie for the game is still unknown, which made Coach Pellegrino begin to question the commitment of team players.

Nevertheless, the game began with a frenzy of scoring chances by the New College side. The UTM defense denied several sure goals and temporary goalkeeper Kenrick Lee, made an incredible diving save which kept UTM in the game.

UTM began to settle down by creating a few good scoring chances as well. This all changed midway through the first half when what seemed like a harmless crossing ball by a New College player saw a UTM defender loose his footing, allowing the NC player to easily score.

Some quick motivational words by Coach Pellegrino at half time seemed to invigorate the UTM players. They came out with several goal scoring opportunities, when UTM veteran player and Tri-Campus star Shane Fernandez made several key runs down the midfield line and delivered one of his trademark pinpoint crosses in the box which none of his teammates could convert.

Midfielder Helder Borges also played a solid game, expertly controlling the right side of the midfield throughout. Other notable bright spots included an unexpected amount of remarkable goal keeping by second year player Matt Adriuni who took over in the second half, as well as the impeccable UTM defenders, which kept the team in the game.

UTM continued to press for a goal late in the game, but once again, UTM forwards failed to produce a goal. The game ended in a disappointing 1–0 loss for UTM. The team hopes to register its first win against the School of Graduate Studies on Oct. 4 at 12:30PM. All fans are encouraged to join the lone Turkish supporter in the stands to cheer on the team.

UTM forward Shane Fernandez (13) steps into this free kick during the second half. UTM dominated most of the game but unfortunately was on the losing end of a 1–0 loss. *Top right,* Coach Pellegrino asks his team what it will take for them to convert on one of their numerous scoring chances. They hope to end their winless drought on Oct. 4. *photos/DarrylSequeira*

UTM makes successful return to men's rugby league

After about a four year hiatus, UTM made a successful return to men's rugby. The team won its first game 15-0 over Skule B last Sunday. The team plays its next game Oct. 5 at 11:00a.m. on UTM's north field. *photos/Darryl Sequeira*

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